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NOTES AND NEWS

JAMES MELVILLE MACOUN, C. M. G., F. L. S., and chief of the Biological Division of the Geological Survey, Canada, died on January 8, 1920, aged fifty-seven. Mr. Macoun was best known as a botanist but had a wide acquaintance with ornithology and ornithologists and as joint author with his father, Prof. John Macoun, of the 1909 edition of the Catalogue of Canadian Birds, his death demands notice in the ornithological press.

Perhaps no one has had as much first hand experience in the less known areas of Canada—Lake Mistassini, James and Hudson Bay, the Churchill and Peace Rivers and Little Slave Lake were all scenes of intensive work by him and he was familiar with the more accessible parts of the Dominion under conditions of the past that will never return again.

One of the most important pieces of work conducted by him was on the Bering Sea Fur Seal Commission, which he conducted with so much satisfaction to his government as to win his decoration C. M. G. (Companion of St. Michael and St. George).

Of late years he did most of his work in British Columbia, and after completing his father's intensive surveys of two cross sections of that province along the lines of the southern railways he was just beginning another along the Grand Trunk Pacific to the north.

Death stayed his hand and work just at the height of his powers when years of preparation and ripening judgment made him most valuable to science, to the institution of which he was an honored member and to his country.

Besides a father and mother, a brother and sister, he is survived by his widow, one daughter, and a host of friends and sorrowing colleagues.—P. A. TAVERNER.

The following Fellows have been appointed by the President of the A. O. U. to constitute the Committee on Classification and Nomenclature of North American Birds for the year 1920: Witmer Stone, Chairman, Jonathan Dwight, Harry C. Oberholser, T. S. Palmer, and Charles W. Richmond.

The committee held a two days' session in Washington, D. C., February 11 and 12, 1920, and various general matters were discussed in regard to the method of work of the committee and the preparation of a new edition of the A. O. U. Check-List which should constitute the Nearctic volume of the proposed 'Systema Avium' to be gotten up by the B. O. U. and the A. O. U. jointly.

Dr. Oberholser was chosen Secretary of the Committee and many nomenclatural cases which had been considered by the sub-committee

of nomenclature of the old committee were formally passed upon while several new ones were decided. Altogether very satisfactory progress was made.

A case involving the constitutionality of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, in which the law was sustained by the Federal Court for the Western District of Missouri, has been appealed to the Supreme Court of the United States by the State of Missouri and arguments were heard on March 2, 1920. This case, No. 609, is entitled *The State of Missouri, appellant, vs. Ray P. Holland, United States Game Warden.*

Two very important efforts toward the establishment and maintenance of bird reservations are now attracting much attention. First the drainage of Klamath Lake which threatens the destruction of this valuable reservation. According to the report of William L. Finley in the January issue of 'California Fish and Game,' the building of a dyke has already converted much of the lake into an alkali desert which the director of the reclamation service himself states is of no use for agriculture. Mr. Finley urges appeals to the Californian representatives in Congress while Mr. Pearson, in 'Bird-Lore,' suggests appeals to the Secretary of the Interior (cf. *antea* p. 318).

The other matter is the effort to have part of the Okefinokee swamp on the Georgia-Florida boundary established as a reservation. Timber rights and subleases seem to complicate this effort but much interest has been aroused. There is an excellent account of the enterprise in the Bulletin of the American Game Protective Association for October, 1919, by Dr. J. F. Wilson, Secretary of the Okefinokee Society, while the Biological Survey is also taking an active interest in the matter.

A modification in the Federal bird regulations has been made, allowing the killing of Grebes, Loons, Gulls, Terns, Mergansers, Bitterns, Great Blue, Little Blue, Green and Black-crowned Night Herons where these birds are injurious to and destructive of fishes at public or private fish hatcheries. The birds may only be killed or trapped by the owners, superintendents or bona fide employes of the hatcheries, and all portions of the birds must be entirely destroyed and not possessed, transported or shipped outside the grounds except that they may be presented to a public museum or educational institution.

There has been organized at Seattle, Washington, the Pacific Northwest Bird and Mammal Club which aims to promote social and fraternal relations among the working ornithologists and mammalogists of Washington, British Columbia, Alaska and northern Oregon. The officers for the current year are: President, F. S. Hall, Director of the State

Museum, Seattle; Vice-President, J. H. Bowles, Tacoma; Secretary and Treasurer, Stanton Warburton.

Coöperation is always productive of much good and it would seem that there is a good field in the northwest for just such an organization as this. We trust that those interested in joining the organization will lose no time in communicating with Mr. Hall, and we hope that the club may have a long and prosperous history.

COMPLETE SETS OF 'THE AUK.'—A series of 'THE AUK' now includes 36 full volumes accompanied by two general indexes for the years 1876-1900 and 1901-1910. Owing to the limited editions of the early volumes the number of possible complete sets probably does not exceed 500, but the total at present known is not much more than 150. Sales, destruction of copies, and the death of early members have broken the continuity of series and resulted in the transfer or loss of many volumes. As time goes on some sets now in private hands will pass into the possession of public libraries and the number of such sets now a little more than 60, will increase. Since the appearance of a brief note on this subject in 'THE AUK' for October, 1919, several members have reported the possession of sets and a few series previously incomplete have been completed. The data now available are published in the hope of stimulating further efforts in this direction.

In the following list arranged geographically by states, sets in public libraries are mentioned first and are followed in alphabetical order by those in private hands. Most of the sets are bound and nearly all include the two general indexes. Seven sets (indicated by an asterisk) are practically complete but lack a single volume or part of a volume. In addition to those here enumerated about 20 others are known which lack some of the first six volumes but which may be completed later. It is interesting to note that while these sets are distributed in 27 states, the Philippines, Canada, and England, less than one-fifth are located west of the Mississippi River. Nearly as many are credited to the District of Columbia while the only ones reported from the Southern States are one each in Virginia, South Carolina, Florida, and Texas.

Such a list as this is necessarily incomplete and subject to frequent correction as private sets change hands and gaps are filled in series now incomplete. Members are requested to send to the Secretary any corrections or additions which will increase the accuracy or completeness of the list.

CALIFORNIA—13

California Academy of Sciences,
San Francisco

Leland Stanford, Jr., University,
Palo Alto

Museum of History, Science and
Art, Los Angeles

University of California, Berkeley
Dawson, W. L., Santa Barbara

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| Chambers, W. Lee, Eagle Rock,
Los Angeles | Fowler, Capt. F. H., Palo Alto |
| Evermann, Dr. B. W., San Fran-
cisco | Grinnell, Dr. Joseph, Berkeley |
| Fisher, Prof. W. K., Pacific Grove | Mailliard, Joseph, San Francisco |
| | Morcom, G. Frean, Berkeley |
| | Stephens, Frank, San Diego |

COLORADO

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| Coburn Library, Colorado College,
Colorado Springs | Bergtold, Major W. H., Denver |
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CONNECTICUT

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| Pequot Library, Southport | Bishop, Dr. Louis B., New Haven |
| Watkinson Library, Hartford | Sage, John Hall, Portland |
| Yale University, New Haven | Seton, Ernest T., Greenwich |

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA—24

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| Library of Congress, Washington | Knowlton, Dr. F. H., Washington |
| U. S. Dept. Agriculture, Wash. | Merriam, Dr. C. Hart, Washington |
| U. S. National Museum, Wash. (2) | Nelson, E. W., Washington |
| Bailey, Vernon, Washington | Oberholser, Dr. H. C., Washington |
| Bartsch, Dr. Paul, Washington | Palmer, Dr. T. S., Washington |
| Bond, Frank, Washington | Richmond, Dr. Chas. W., Wash. |
| Cooke, Miss M. T., Washington | Riley, Joseph H., Washington |
| Fisher, Dr. A. K., Washington | Stejneger, Dr. Leonhard, Wash. |
| Fox, Dr. William H., Washington | Swales, B. H., Washington |
| Henshaw, H. W., Washington | Wetmore, Dr. Alexander, Wash. |
| Hollister, Ned, Washington | Williams, R. W., Washington |
| Howell, A. H., Washington | |

FLORIDA

- Nehrling, H., Gotha

ILLINOIS

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| *Illinois State Laboratory of Nat-
ural History, Urbana | Coale, Henry K., Highland Park |
| John Crerar Library, Chicago | Cory, Charles B., Chicago |
| Public Library, Chicago | Deane, Ruthven, Chicago |
| Barnes, R. Magoon, Lacon | Gault, B. T., Chicago |
| | Osgood, Dr. W. H., Chicago |

INDIANA

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| Indiana State Library, Indianapolis | Butler, Amos W., Indianapolis |
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IOWA

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| Iowa State College, Ames | Stephens, Prof. T. C., Sioux City |
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KANSAS

State Library, Topeka

MAINE

Public Library, Portland
Merrill, Harry, Bangor

Norton, Arthur H., Portland

MARYLAND

Enoch Pratt Free Library, Balti-
more

Kirkwood, Frank C., Monkton

MASSACHUSETTS—20

Boston Public Library
Boston Society of Natural History
Mass. Agricultural College, Am-
herst
Mass. State Library, Boston
Museum Comparative Zoology,
Cambridge
New Bedford Public Library
Springfield Library Association
*Taunton Public Library
Thayer Museum, Lancaster
Wellesley College, Wellesley

Batchelder, Charles F., Cambridge
Bent, A. C., Taunton
Brewster Estate, William, Cam-
bridge
Chamberlain, Chauncy W., Boston
Durfee, Owen, Fall River
Farley, John A., Malden
Jeffries, William A., Boston
Morris, Robert O., Springfield
Phillips, Dr. John C., Wenham
Tyler, Dr. Winsor M., Lexington

MICHIGAN

Detroit Public Library
Mich. Agricultural College, East
Lansing

Wood, Norman A., Ann Arbor

MINNESOTA

Minnesota Athenaeum Library,
Minneapolis

Roberts, Dr. Thomas S., Minne-
apolis

MISSOURI

Bolt, Benjamin F., Kansas City
Harris, Harry, Kansas City

Widmann, Otto, St. Louis

NEBRASKA

University of Nebraska, Lincoln

Dille, Frederick M., Valentine

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Levey, Mrs. William M., Alton
Bay

White, Francis Beach, Concord

NEW JERSEY

Princeton University, Princeton
Bowdish, B. S., Demarest

Havemeyer, H. O., Mahwah
Rhoads, Samuel N., Haddonfield

NEW YORK—20

American Museum Natural History, New York
Brooklyn Museum
Brooklyn Public Library
Buffalo Public Library
*Columbia University, New York
Cornell University, Ithaca
Nat. Association Audubon Societies, New York
New York Public Library
N. Y. State College of Forestry, Syracuse
New York State Library, Albany

New York Zoological Park, New York
Vassar College, Poughkeepsie
Allen, Dr. J. A., New York (2)
Braislin, Dr. Wm. C., Brooklyn
Chapman, Dr. Frank M., New York
Dwight, Dr. Jonathan, New York
*Fuentes, L. A., Ithaca
Grinnell, Dr. Geo. Bird, New York
Herrick, Harold, New York
Pearson, T. Gilbert, New York

OHIO

*Adelbert College, Cleveland
Cincinnati Public Library
Cincinnati Society Natural History

Oberlin College, Oberlin
Ohio State University, Columbus

PENNSYLVANIA

Academy Natural Sciences, Philadelphia
Carnegie Library, Pittsburgh
Carnegie Museum, Pittsburgh
Burns, Frank L., Berwyn

Fisher, Miss Elizabeth W., Philadelphia
Norris, J. Parker, Jr., Philadelphia
Stone, Dr. Witmer, Philadelphia (2)

RHODE ISLAND

Flanagan, John H., Providence

Hathaway, Harry S., Providence

SOUTH CAROLINA

Wayne, Arthur T., Mt. Pleasant

TEXAS

University of Texas, Austin

VIRGINIA

*Public Library, Newport News

WASHINGTON

*Public Library, Seattle

Rathbun, Samuel F., Seattle

WISCONSIN

Milwaukee Public Museum

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS

Bureau of Science, Manila

CANADA

Geological Survey, Ottawa
Laval University, Quebec
McGill University, Montreal
Reference Library, Toronto

Arnold, Edward, Montreal
Fleming, James H., Toronto
Saunders, W. E., London
Taverner, Percy A., Ottawa

ENGLAND

British Museum Natural History, Jourdain, F. R. C, Abingdon
London Mathews, Gregory M., Foulis Court,
Zoological Society of London Fair Oak

T. S. PALMER.

Washington, D. C.

The fifth annual meeting of the Wilson Ornithological Club was held at St. Louis, Mo., in affiliation with the meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, on December 29 and 30, 1919. Fifteen papers, many of them illustrated with lantern slides, were presented and contained much of interest. At the business session plans were laid for renewed activities after the comparative inaction of the war period and the following officers were elected: President, Dr. R. M. Strong; Vice-President, Dr. H. C. Oberholser; Secretary, A. F. Ganier; Treasurer, G. L. Fordice; Editor, Dr. Lynds Jones; Councillors, Dr. M. H. Swenk, Dr. B. R. Bales, and Dr. T. C. Stephens.

CORRECTION.—In the list of members of longest standing in the A. O. U., published in the January 'Auk,' Dr. William H. Fox, of Washington, D. C., was recorded as having been elected in 1885 instead of 1883. This unfortunate error originated in the earliest lists of members (Auk 1886 to 1890) from which our data were copied. Dr. Fox is therefore outranked only by the nine surviving founders of the Union.

ERRATA.—In the list of contributors to the Brewster Memorial Fund, printed in the January number of 'The Auk,' the names of Messrs. Chauncy W. Chamberlain and Thomas E. Penard were accidentally omitted. Dr. Edward Waldo Emerson appeared as "Edward M. Emerson," Mr. Howard P. Hottle as "Edward P. Hottle," and Mr. J. A. Hagar's name was spelled "Hager."